GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

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MISUSE OF FUNDS MEANT FOR ANTI-POVERTY SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a): whether it is a fact that gross misuse and swindling of Central funds meant for the anti-poverty schemes by the implementing agencies recently came to light;

(b): if so, the details thereof stating the estimated amount involved and the manner in which the funds have been misused; and

(c): the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BAN DATTATREYA)

(a)&(b): Under Swarna Jayanti Shahari RozgarYojana (SJSRY) some complaints have been received in respect of implementation of the programme in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh. The complaints are related to disbursement of SJSRY funds to ineligible persons, corruption in DUDA setc. No amount has been cited in the complaints received. Further, C&AG in their draft Review Report on Urban Employment Generation Programme relating to this Ministry has also reported diversion of Rs.35.83 crore during 1995-2000 to activities not connected with the programmes, suspected mis-appropriation of funds amounting to Rs.0.85 crore and irregular and unauthorised expenditure on repairs and maintenance works to the tune of Rs.5.60 crore.

(c): The concerned State Governments have already been instructed to investigate the matters, to take appropriate action and to furnish the reports thereof.